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FRG PARTICIPATION IN NATO EXERCISES IN NORWAY

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: FINNISH MEDIA REACTION TO THE NORWEGIAN
POLICY CHANGE DISCUSSED IN REFTEL A HAS THUS FAR BEEN LARGELY
LIMITED TO A STRAIGHT REPORTING OF THE NEWS STORY FROM OSLO.
THE INITIAL REPORTS SPECULATED ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH--IF AT
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ALL--WELL-PUBLICIZED FINNISH EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER AN
INCREASED ROLE FOR FRG MILITARY FORCES IN NATO MANEUVERS IN
NORWAY WERE A FACTOR IN THE NORWEGIAN POLICY CHANGE.
IN THE ONLY EDITORIAL TO APPEAR THUS FAR, THE SWEDISH-
LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE
NORWEGIAN DECISION, CITED IT AS CONFIRMING THE
THAW NOW EXISTING IN NORWEGIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS AND

SAID IT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL NORDIC COUNTRIES.
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE NORWEGIAN DEVELOPMENT, NOR IS IT LIKELY TO. A HIGH RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR JANUARY 23 THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NO OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE NORWEGIAN DECISION. UNOFFICIALLY, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS PLEASED WITH THE NEW NORWEGIAN POSITION. WHILE DECLINING TO SPECULATE ON THE FACTORS WHICH MIGHT HAVE GONE INTO THE NORWEGIAN DECISION, THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT FINLAND'S WELL-KNOWN POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT IS APPARENTLY ACCOMMODATED WITHIN THE NEW NORWEGIAN STAND.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN THE FINNISH ANALYSIS OF THE NORDIC AREA SECURITY SITUATION (MOST RECENTLY DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B), FINLAND'S SATISFACTION WITH THE NORWEGIAN DECISION CAN READILY BE UNDERSTOOD: IT MAINTAINS THE SECURITY STATUS QUO AND AVOIDS A STEP WHICH THE FINNS BELIEVED MIGHT HAVE INDIRECTLY COMPLICATED THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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